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Applicant : Shinya KIMOTO et al.
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Filed : Concurrently herewith
For : RECHARGEABLE BATTERY

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-9 as follows:

1. (Amended) A rechargeable battery, wherein a battery housing containing elements for electromotive force of a cell is formed in a rectangular shape having short sides with a narrow width and long sides with a wide width, and a plurality of cells are linked together adjacent to one another between the short sides of their battery housings to form a battery pack with a required electrical capacity.

2. (Amended) A rechargeable battery, wherein a battery housing containing elements for

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